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**Cc:** Barry, Michael[Barry.Michael@epa.gov]; Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]; Davis, Joe[Davis.Joe@epa.gov]  
**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Sent:** Mon 10/5/2015 11:57:41 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Action: Press Inquiry on GKM Water Treatment

Nancy and George:

Mike Barry asked me to send his regrets if there was a delay getting a response to the questions below. The incident command wasn't aware of this request until this morning. Mike spoke with Dave and we provide the responses below to the media inquiry.

Mike also asked me to let you know that, while an Incident Command exists, he sees it as part of our job to provide such information, send it to and/or coordinate it with the proper regional and HQ leadership team so that it can be released per established EPA procedures as quickly as possible. If there is anything else you need relative to this response, please let Mike and me know and we'll do our best to respond as quickly as possible.

Regards,

Laura Jenkins

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1. Exactly where is the treatment plant going to be installed?

## **Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

2. How will the plant treat the toxic wastewater? (i.e. what is the exact process by which the toxic material will be removed from the water?)

## **Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

3. How effective will the plant be/what are the expectations?

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4. After treatment, will the water be of high enough quality for drinking?

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EPA Announces Gold King Mine Water Treatment System for Winter 2015-16

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Additional information about EPA's Gold King Mine response:  
[www.epa.gov/goldkingmine](http://www.epa.gov/goldkingmine)

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**5. Is this really going to make any difference given how much toxic wastewater has already been released into the environment?**

# Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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9/24 – 10/8/2015:

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Gold King Mine Response

Durango, CO

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy

**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 1:26 PM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Hull, George; EOC Public Information

**Subject:** FW: Action: Press Inquiry on GKM Water Treatment

Hi Laura,

Can you assist us in getting answers to these questions? I have looped George Hull in – so if you can reply to us both that would be great. Thanks ng

**From:** Hull, George **On Behalf Of** EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 2:55 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Action: Press Inquiry on GKM Water Treatment

Nancy,

Christie is out on leave for a few days. I sent an inquiry this morning to David Ostrander and then asked him to confirm receipt. I haven't heard back. Are there others in the IC that should reach out to? - George

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**From:** Hull, George on behalf of EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2015 2:10 PM  
**To:** Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** Fw: Action: Press Inquiry on GKM Water Treatment

David,

I just want to make sure that the EOC mailbox is working. Can you confirm that you received that this e-mail. Thanks,

George Hull

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**From:** Hull, George on behalf of EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2015 12:30 PM  
**To:** Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** Action: Press Inquiry on GKM Water Treatment

David,

I'm covering press inquiries on GKM while Christie St. Clair is on leave this week. Can you help with this inquiry that came in this morning from a freelancer.

George Hull

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